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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 April 2002 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/30/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to communications filed March 10, 2006. Claims 1-20 were subjected to election/restriction requirement. The applicants have elected Invention A, claims 1-12. Claims 13-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "250" has been used to designate both "CLK" and "DMA CONTROLLER". Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

3. The drawings are further objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: DMA/microprocessor memory interface 260 (see page 7). Corrected

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drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-3, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Khan et al. (hereinafter Khan), U.S. Patent 6,754,509. The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35

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U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

6. In considering claim 1, Khan discloses a system for partitioning and loading data in a low-powered communication device, the system comprising: a general computing subsystem (104), (col. 4, lines 27-53); a modem computing subsystem (102), (col. 4, lines 27-53); a clock, (col. 5, lines 21-53); and a shared memory module for receiving a binary data, wherein the shared memory module may be accessed by the general computing subsystem and the modem computing subsystem independently, and wherein the general computing subsystem selectively activates the clock to the shared memory module to permit use of the shared memory module by the modem computing subsystem, (col. 4, line 54-col. 5, line 53).

7. In considering claim 2, Khan discloses the modem computing subsystem controls data processing in accordance with wireless communication protocols, (col. 4, lines 27-53).

8. In considering claim 3, Khan discloses the modem computing subsystem further comprising a mobile station wireless modem, (col. 4, lines 27-53).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. Claims 1-12, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guterman, U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0008690, in view of DeRoo et al. (hereinafter DeRoo), U.S. Patent 6,161,162.

11. In considering claim 1, Guterman discloses a system for partitioning and loading data in a low-powered communication device, the system comprising: a general computing subsystem (24), (page 1, paragraph 15); a modem computing subsystem (12), (page 1, paragraph 15); and a shared memory module for receiving a binary data, wherein the shared memory module may be accessed by the general computing subsystem and the modem computing subsystem independently, (page 1, paragraph 16).

Although the teachings of Guterman disclose substantial features of the claimed invention, they fail to expressly disclose: a clock, and the general computing subsystem selectively activating the clock to the shared memory module to permit use of the shared memory module by the modem computing subsystem.

Nevertheless, in a similar field of endeavor DeRoo teaches a clock, and a general computing subsystem selectively activating the clock to a shared memory module to permit use of the shared memory module by an alternate computing subsystem, (col. 81, line 37-col. 84, line 46).

Thus, if not implicit in the teachings of Guterman, given the teachings of DeRoo it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the teachings of Guterman to disclose a clock, and the general computing subsystem selectively activating the clock to the shared memory module to permit use of the shared memory module by the modem computing subsystem. This would have advantageously provided an efficient means for accessing a single memory, thereby saving cost and space savings, (DeRoo, col. 2, lines 8-32).

12. In considering claim 2, Guterman discloses the modem computing subsystem controls data processing in accordance with wireless communication protocols, (page 1, paragraph 15).

13. In considering claim 3, Guterman discloses the modem computing subsystem further comprising a mobile station wireless modem, (page 1, paragraph 15).

14. In considering claim 4, although the teachings of Guterman disclose substantial features of the claimed invention, they fail to expressly disclose: the general

computing subsystem further comprising a nonvolatile memory that stores information for generating data.

Nevertheless, general computing subsystems comprising nonvolatile memory that stores information for generating data was well known in the art at the time of the present invention. DeRoo discloses a general computing subsystem comprising a nonvolatile memory that stores information for generating data, (col. 1, lines 36-63).

Thus, if not implicit in the teachings of Guterman, given the teachings of DeRoo it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the teachings of Guterman to disclose the general computing subsystem further comprising a nonvolatile memory that stores information for generating data. This would have advantageously provided a memory that could be used to store information to “boot up” the subsystem, or perform light duty housekeeping, (DeRoo, col. 1, lines 36-63).

15. In considering claim 5, it is implicit in the teachings of Guterman that the general computing subsystem loads the data into the shared memory module, (page 1, paragraph 16).

16. In considering claim 6, the combined teachings of Guterman and DeRoo provide a means for the general computing subsystem to generate the data from compressed information stored in the nonvolatile memory, (Guterman, page 1, paragraph 16, DeRoo, col. 1, lines 36-63). One of ordinary skill in the art would combine the teachings of Guterman with DeRoo for reasons previously indicated.

17. In considering claim 7, Guterman discloses a portable wireless communication device, the device comprising: a memory (14), (page 1, paragraph 16); a general computing subsystem (24) having access to the memory, (page 1, paragraph 15); a modem computing subsystem (12), (page 1, paragraph 15); and a first shared memory module for receiving a binary data, wherein the shared memory module may be accessed by the general computing subsystem and the modem computing subsystem independently, (page 1, paragraph 16).

Although the teachings of Guterman disclose substantial features of the claimed invention, they fail to expressly disclose: the memory being nonvolatile, and the general computing subsystem selectively enabling or disabling the shared memory module to permit use of the shared memory module by the modem computing subsystem.

Nevertheless, general computing subsystems comprising nonvolatile memory that stores information for generating data was well known in the art at the time of the present invention. DeRoo discloses a general computing subsystem comprising a nonvolatile memory that stores information for generating data, (col. 1, lines 36-63). DeRoo also teaches a general computing subsystem selectively enabling or disabling a shared memory module to permit use of the shared memory module by an alternate computing subsystem, (col. 81, line 37-col. 84, line 46).

Thus, if not implicit in the teachings of Guterman, given the teachings of DeRoo it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the teachings of Guterman to disclose the memory being a nonvolatile memory. This would have

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advantageously provided a memory that could be used to store information to "boot up" the subsystem, or perform light duty housekeeping, (DeRoo, col. 1, lines 36-63). It also would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the teachings of Guterman to disclose the general computing subsystem selectively enabling or disabling the shared memory module to permit use of the shared memory module by the modem computing subsystem. This would have advantageously provided an efficient means for accessing a single memory, thereby saving cost and space savings, (DeRoo, col. 2, lines 8-32).

18. In considering claim 8, the teachings of Guterman provide a means for the first binary memory image comprising mobile station code sufficient to permit the modem computing subsystem to establish a wireless communication link and monitor a paging channel, (page 1, paragraph 15).

19. In considering claim 9, the teachings of Guterman provide a means for the modem computing subsystem and the first shared memory to be enabled when the computing subsystem starts to monitor the paging channel, and the modem computing subsystem and the first shared memory module are disabled when not engaged in wireless communications, (page 1, paragraph 15-page 2, paragraph 23).

20. In considering claim 10, although the teachings of Guterman disclose substantial features of the claimed invention, they fail to expressly disclose: a second shared memory.

Nevertheless, multiple memories were well known in the art at the time of the present invention. DeRoo discloses it was well known that multiple memories were necessary for multiprocessing systems, (col. 1, lines 36-46).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the teachings of Guterman to disclose a second shared memory module, wherein the second shared memory module is independently accessible by the general computing subsystem and the modem computing subsystem, wherein the second shared memory module can be disabled by the general computing subsystem to save power, and wherein a second binary image is loaded in the second shared memory module from the nonvolatile memory by the general computing subsystem. This would have advantageously provided additional memory that could be used store information to "boot up" the subsystem, or perform light duty housekeeping, (DeRoo, col. 1, lines 36-63).

21. In considering claim 11, the combined teachings of Guterman and DeRoo provide a means for the second binary memory image to contain the mobile station modem code sufficient to operate a traffic channel, (Guterman, page 1, paragraph 15, DeRoo, col. 1, lines 36-63). One of ordinary skill in the art would combine the teachings of Guterman with DeRoo for reasons previously indicated.

22. In considering claim 12, the combined teachings of Guterman and DeRoo provide a means for the second shared memory module to be activated when the modem computing subsystem operates a traffic channel, and the second memory module to be deactivated to save power when ceasing to operate the traffic channel, (Guterman, page 1, paragraph 15-page 2, paragraph 23, DeRoo, col. 1, lines 36-63). One of ordinary skill in the art would combine the teachings of Guterman with DeRoo for reasons previously indicated.

Conclusion

23. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hassan Phillips whose telephone number is (571) 272-3940. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on (571) 272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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